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7 June 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Cuban Propaganda Analysis: FBIS was directed to undertake propaganda analysis of Castroism, with an initial study of Cuban failures to attain promised goals and objectives. Authority is being sought to add two analysts and one research assistant to the T/O of Radio Propaganda Branch for this activity.

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2. Latin American Reception Survey: An FBIS field reception survey was made in southern Florida in May by [] of Engineer Staff and [] of BIS, but results showed that this region lies within the skip zone of South American shortwave broadcasts. A proposal to send the survey team directly from Florida to Fort Randolph, C. Z., was abandoned when it was learned that Fort Randolph was now in use. The survey team returned to Headquarters on 31 May, pending investigation of the availability of other sites in the Canal Zone.

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3. Key West Post: Construction work on new FBIS space at the Key West Naval Base should be completed by 30 June 1962, but no date has been set for completion of TV and VHF antennas. Two eighty-foot poles are required for the project. Contract negotiations with the Ampex Corporation for a TV video recorder are in progress. [] FBIS Electronics Specialist who will install and operate the recorder, is due to arrive at Key West by 2 July 1962.

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4. FBIS Wire Services:

a. Weekly propaganda analysis items on the FBIS Wire continued to provide Watch Committee representatives with summations of trends in communist bloc and Lao dissident propaganda on the situation in Laos. These items have been used by the National Indications Center in drafting the weekly Watch Committee reports.

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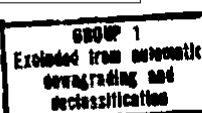
b. On 14 May the FBIS Wire carried a report from Okinawa Bureau of an unsuccessful assassination attempt against Sukarno of Indonesia, eighteen minutes after broadcast from Djakarta, beating both AP and REUTERS, and correcting an erroneous UPI report of actual assassination.

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c. On 31 May Mediterranean Bureau monitored a Soviet decision to increase the price of meat and butter by 30%, from the TASS Cyrillic circuit to Soviet Asia. This item was carried on the FBIS Wire some four hours in advance of the official Radio Moscow announcement.

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d. Late in May CINCANT Naval Headquarters, Norfolk, expressed its intention of applying for the FBIS Wire Service within a short time. [redacted]

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5. FBIS Daily Report:

a. At the request of Printing Services Division, an estimate of Daily Report reproduction requirements for the next five years was submitted to PSD. The report estimated an increase to 355 stencils in FY 1963, 380 in FY 1964, and 395 in FY 1965 - 67, as well as a 10% increase in circulation. [redacted]

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b. During May 89 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 11 percent to press scrutiny. [redacted]

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c. A 66-page Daily Report supplement was issued 25 May containing text of the United Arab Republic's "Draft Charter of National Action" as read over Radio Cairo by President Jamal Abd an-Nasir on 21 May 1962. [redacted]

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6. Special FBIS Services:

a. Field bureaus are continuing to service the U. S. delegation to the Laos conference in Geneva with texts of significant items; propaganda analysis support remains on a standby basis. [redacted]

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c. An analysis of articles on the Peace Corps in the Lagos AFRICAN PILOT for indications of communist origin was prepared for the State Department in response to a query from the U. S. Embassy in Nigeria. Portions of one of the AFRICAN PILOT articles were found to be identical to passages in an item transmitted by the Chinese Communist news agency. [redacted]

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7. Current Intelligence Digest: Of 203 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during May, 56 (27 percent) were based solely or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

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8. Moscow and Peking Program Schedules: FBIS completed the publication of the spring/summer international schedules of Radio Moscow and Radio Peking. Automation was employed for the first time in the publication of the language and time schedules. [redacted]

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9. Regulatory Issuances: The following FBIS regulatory issuances were

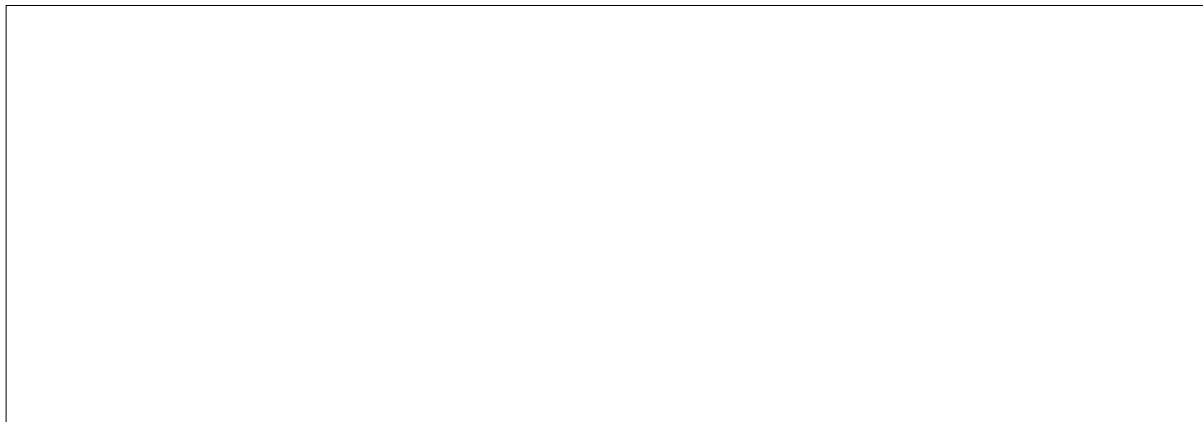
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. General: When Summary With Quotations results from poor reception, it is not obligatory to preserve all quotations simply because those portions could be texted. Whether a passage deserves verbatim or summary treatment should be determined by content and not by the mere accident of audibility. Editorial judgment should be exercised in the placing of quotation marks whether an item is partially textable or entirely so.

2. London Bureau: Bracketed and indistinct words and phrases in a filed item should usually be cleared if the item is repeated in another voice broadcast or press transmission. This is particularly true in cases where a leader speech or official statement is involved, as in the recent instance of the text of the Modibo Keita 30 May Kremlin friendship meeting speech broadcast by the domestic service and later also texted by TASS in Russian and English.

3. German Bureau: The Bureau is cautioned against lapses in standard editorial procedure for styling copy against communications hazards. Recently there has been a tendency to omit the question marks in bracketed elements and a failure to confirm figures and the word "not."

4. Panama Post: The Post's prompt response to a Headquarters request for special coverage of the 2 June Puerto Cabello revolt, and its weekend watch on Caracas radio, were greatly appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Travel and Home Leave: Paragraph 1 under ADMINISTRATION in the 17 May 1962 Letter of Information is canceled. A new [] covering procedures with regard to the new Home Leave Law which becomes effective 6 September 1962, will be distributed to field bureaus. The principal change is an increase from six to seven weeks in combined travel and home leave upon re-assignment from overseas to Headquarters.

2. Local Pay Scales: Bureau Chiefs have been delegated authority to revise native pay scales concurrently with revisions of the Embassy or Military scales on which they are based. This applies only where FBIS employees are paid on local U. S. State Department or U. S. Military scales, and does not apply to separate FBIS foreign national pay scales. The purpose of this delegation is to avoid a time lag by FBIS after adoption of a new scale by the Embassy or military command.

3. Personnel:

a. New Employees

Assignment

Teletype Operator
Teletype Unit, Editorial Branch

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b. Reassignments

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Admin Assistant Tokyo Bureau	Admin Assistant London Bureau
Monitor (Mono) East Coast Bureau	Monitor (Multi) Key West Post
Editor ME, Africa, WE & LA Section, Editorial Branch	Editor East Coast Bureau
Editor London Bureau	Senior Editor West Coast Bureau
Editor Mediterranean Bureau	Editor ME, Africa, WE & LA Section, Editorial Branch
Senior Editor ME, Africa, WE & LA Section, Editorial Branch	Senior Editor German Bureau

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c. Separations

Assignment
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Field Operations Staff

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